

Alaska Requirements Summary

Requirement	Boats under 16 feet	Boats 16 to less than 26 feet	Boats 26 to less than 40 feet	Boats 40 to less than 65 feet
Personal Flotation Devices	One USCG approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD for each person, in serviceable condition. Persons under 13 must wear their PFD when in an open boat or on the deck of a boat, and when waterskiing.			
Throwable Personal Flotation Device (Type IV)	Recommended but not mandatory.	Except for canoes and kayaks, one USCG approved Type IV (seat cushion or throw ring) device must be carried.		
Sound Producing Device	Boats less than 39.4 feet/12 meters in length must be able to make an efficient sound signal (such as that made with a whistle or horn) to signal intentions and to signal position in periods of reduced visibility.			Boats 39.4 feet/12 meters or more in length must carry on board a whistle or horn.
Visual Distress Signals	USCG approved night signals required between sunset and sunrise.	USCG approved visual distress signals for both day and night time use must be carried. Exception: manually propelled boats, and open sailboats under 26 feet in length, not equipped with mechanical propulsion, are not required to carry day signals. <i>Note: Pyrotechnic devices, if used to meet this requirement, must be current, serviceable, and readily accessible. At the minimum, a total of three day/night combination devices or three day and three night devices must be carried.</i>		
Fire Extinguishers	At least one USCG approved B-I required for boats with in board engines, living spaces, permanent fuel tanks, or enclosed storage areas or hull voids not sealed or filled with flotation material.		At least two B-I or one B-II USCG approved fire extinguishers.	At least three B-I, or one B-I and one B-II USCG approved fire extinguishers.
Navigation Lights	Display required between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility. International configuration required (varies with length and mode of operation). See the International Navigation Rules.			
Backfire Flame Arrester	One USCG approved backfire control device on each carburetor of all inboard gasoline engines.			
Ventilation	Boats with permanently installed engines, closed compartments, or permanent fuel tanks, must have efficient natural or mechanical ventilation.			
Registration	Undocumented boats equipped with mechanical propulsion (gas, diesel or steam engines and electric motors) must be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles. Certificate of Number must be carried on board. Registration numbers and validation decals must be properly displayed.			